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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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SUBJECT.

Loss of Jewels by theft in the Sri Narayanaswamy temple at Melkote on the 16th August 1893 & the recovery of the Value thereof from the Temple Servants.

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.	LATER REFERENCES.

Mysore
23rd August 1893.

Dear Mr. Sreenivasa Rao

You must have by this time received the report of Mr. Panchanatha Row regarding the recent theft in the Melkote Devastan which gives all particulars. I returned from the place only last night. The detection of the case is a different matter, that lies with the Police, and I have made special arrangements in communication with the Inspector General for the detection of this serious case. If we succeed in tracing any of the property or the offenders so much the better. In the meantime the points which prominently come before me for the future safety and strict discipline in the temple are,

I should not all the servants of the temple be made to make good

Whence the property lost, as it is
Certain, that without their negligence,
and without the Connivance of
some of them, such a thing could
not have occurred.

II Should not the vast extent
of the remaining very valuable
property be removed to the Bank
Treasury, as it is dangerous to
keep it there any longer, when the
Temple Servants have shown to
be so dishonest and indifferent;
Perhaps this will raise a Clamour
on the part of the Temple Servants,
and even the devotees, urging that
once the valuable property and the
resplendent Jewellery of the deity is
removed from the place, the dignity
and importance of the place will
be lost, and at times of the Rathayatras
will cause some inconvenience
in its transit to and fro; but safety
of the property being of paramount

importance I would not consider upon such silly protests, but should it be considered otherwise,

III. Is it not advisable to appoint the requisite Police or Military Barr depoy guards to watch the different receptacles and rooms, systematically, where these treasures are kept, instead of the low paid and negligent Kavalgars, the pay of the former being debited to Mungroi funds I am however for the former.

IV. To call upon such of the Poojaris who have ~~the~~ certain Jewelry always in their possession to adorn the deity in the ordinary course, to furnish security to the extent of its value failing which they maybe removed in spite of their hereditary claims and other suitable men who can furnish such security be appointed to take their place.

After what has occurred our ~~natural~~ feels nervous regarding

the property which is in Yoga Nara-
simha Swamy's temple on the hill.
When the respective Poojaris and
archiks have thus furnished security
they will feel their responsibility
and will be more attentive in
guarding what is entrusted to them.

Kindly let me have your views
on all these points. I am sorry the
Parpatteyar Dharmadarsi Ramadasar
has not exhibited that tact and
diligence which you expected of him.
It is clear that he did not exercise
the necessary supervision over the
guards &c., his excuse being, that
he was afraid to commit much
in the night as he was possessed
with an idea that persons whom he
tried to control in the temple would
murder him!!

Yours truly
[illegible]

(General Serial No. 30.)

1893.

~~From~~ To The Deputy Commissioner
Mysore District

~~To~~ From

The Chief Secretary to the Dewan
of Mysore.

Dated 4th September 1893

Despatched 4th

Received 6th.

Enclosures No.

General No. 192
No. Muzrai 11-93

His D.O dated the 23rd ultimo reporting on the recent case of theft in the Narasimhaswamy Temple at Malakote-Sriranganapatna Taluq

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With reference to the above has the honor to state that according to the existing practice, Temple Servants are responsible for the loss of jewels &c—

Jewels &c in the temple and the Value thereof should be recovered from them according to their responsibility

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The Deputy Commissioner is therefore requested to forward to this office for sanction an Summary Statement shewing the particulars of the amount to be recovered from the Servants of the Devo

By order

(Signed) A. Sreeniwasachary
Secretary.

Memo No. 397 of 8-9-93

Forwarded to the Subdivision office French Rocks for early compliance

(Signed) K. Mahaniadhi
Dy Commissioner
on duty

(True copy)

12/9/93.

4/10/19 ಮೂಲಪ್ರತಿ

ಸೇವಾ ಸಂಬಂಧದ ಪ್ರಮಾಣಪತ್ರ ನೀಡುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ

ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ವಿಷಯಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ನಿವೃತ್ತಿ ಹೊಂದಿದ ನೌಕರರು ಸೇವಾ ಸಂಬಂಧದ ಪ್ರಮಾಣಪತ್ರ ಕೋರಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುವ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಲಾಗಿ

ಆಯಾ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಹೊರಡಿಸಿರುವ ಆದೇಶಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇವಾ ಸಂಬಂಧದ ಪ್ರಮಾಣಪತ್ರವನ್ನು ನೀಡಲು ಸೂಚಿಸಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಕೆಲವು ಸಂದರ್ಭ

Enclosure to the Dewan's Secretary's letter in reply to his Memo No. 192 — dated 11-93 of 1st September 1893.

Mysore 8-11-93.

(General Serial No. 36.)

1893.

From

To The Deputy Commissioner Mysore District

Dated 30th October 1893.

Despatched 1-11-93

Received

Enclosures—Number 1 file

General No. 521
No.

His No 397 of 8th September 1893 forwarding Copy of Dewan's Secretary's No 192 Memo. 11-93 dated 4th idem Calling for an immediate statement showing the amount to be recovered from the Servants of the Melkote temple for the loss of Jewels &c in the Kote theft Case

In reply begs to submit herewith a statement called for.

The amildar in his report No 136 of the 1st instant brings to

Central Jail Press, Bangalore.—27-8-92.—327.

To the Sameties 177-8 dated 20/8/93
11-93

(1). Arechik haragimharayba'tan.
(2) Parachark Poddia Ramaiengar.
(3) Kavalgar haragenna.

notice that the marginally noted persons who are chiefly responsible for the jewels as per Muchilikas executed by them do not possess sufficient means to cover the loss. The amildar seems to be under the impression that only these are to contribute towards the total loss. In this I differ, and consider that all the servants of the Devasthanam should contribute towards the loss. prorata by their pay as stated in the statement and should any of them have no means to pay the amount of their share their right to the office should be sold for the price of their Gurta and the purchaser if of good antecedents be appointed in the place of the defaulter

Subdenusive Officer
French Rocks

ಸಂ. 75 ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ

ದಿನಾಂಕ 22/8/83 ಸಂ. 163 ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

ಸೇವೆಯಲ್ಲಿ

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯು. ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸ್
ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ

ಮಹಾಶಯರೇ,

ನಾನು ಕೆಲವು ದಿನಗಳ ಕಾಲ ಪ್ರವಾಸದಲ್ಲಿ
ಇರುವುದರಿಂದ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು
ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

1. ದಿನಾಂಕ 19 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 10 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ
ಹೊಸಕೋಟೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯಲಿರುವ
ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು
ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಇಂತಿ ತಮ್ಮ ವಿಶ್ವಾಸಿ

ಎಚ್. ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯು. ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸ್

ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸದಸ್ಯರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ.ಎಸ್. ಮಂಜುನಾಥ್, ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ.ಎಸ್. ಮಂಜುನಾಥ್, ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ.ಎಸ್. ಮಂಜುನಾಥ್ ಮತ್ತು ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ.ಎಸ್. ಮಂಜುನಾಥ್ ಹಾಜರಿದ್ದರು.

ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಚರ್ಚಿಸಿದ ವಿಷಯಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡ ನಿರ್ಣಯಗಳು

ಸಭೆಯ ಆರಂಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಸದಸ್ಯರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ.ಎಸ್. ಮಂಜುನಾಥ್ ಅವರು ಮಾತನಾಡಿ, ಕಳೆದ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡ ನಿರ್ಣಯಗಳ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾಪಿಸಿದರು. ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಉತ್ತರಿಸಿದ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ಕಳೆದ ಸಭೆಯ ನಿರ್ಣಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಬಹುತೇಕ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಂಡಿವೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದರು. ಉಳಿದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಂದಿನ ಒಂದು ತಿಂಗಳೊಳಗೆ ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಳಿಸಲು ಸೂಚಿಸಲಾಯಿತು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ.ಎಸ್. ಮಂಜುನಾಥ್ ಅವರು ಮಾತನಾಡಿ, ಕಳೆದ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡ ನಿರ್ಣಯಗಳ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾಪಿಸಿದರು. ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಉತ್ತರಿಸಿದ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ಕಳೆದ ಸಭೆಯ ನಿರ್ಣಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಬಹುತೇಕ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಂಡಿವೆ ಎಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದರು. ಉಳಿದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಂದಿನ ಒಂದು ತಿಂಗಳೊಳಗೆ ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಳಿಸಲು ಸೂಚಿಸಲಾಯಿತು.

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ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ - ಅಧಿಕೃತ

ಅಧಿಕೃತವಾಗಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಲು ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ
ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ಅಥವಾ ಕೈಗಾರಿಕಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಿಂದ ಅಧಿಕೃತ
ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಅಥವಾ ಪೂರೈಸಿರುವ
ಸೇವೆಯ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುವ - ಅಂದಾಜು
ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಧಿಕೃತವಾಗಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಯು
ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಅಂದಾಜು ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ
ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುವ ಅಂದಾಜು ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ
ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಮುದ್ರೆಯನ್ನು ಒತ್ತಿರುವ ಅಂದಾಜು
ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಅಧಿಕೃತ ಮುದ್ರೆಯನ್ನು
ಒತ್ತ

ಸಂ. 21 ಫೆಬ್ರವರಿ 1893.

ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ ಪ್ರಕರಣ ೩೩ ರ ಅನ್ವಯ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಚಲಾಯಿಸಿ ಮೈಸೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಅಧೀಕ್ಷಕರು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಆದೇಶಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈ ಆದೇಶಗಳು ಮೈಸೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಠಾಣೆಗಳ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಜಾರಿಯಲ್ಲಿರುತ್ತವೆ.

೧. ಯಾವುದೇ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಭೆ, ಮೆರವಣಿಗೆ, ಪ್ರತಿಭಟನಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ಅಥವಾ ಧರಣಿ ನಡೆಸಲು ಮುಂಚಿತವಾಗಿ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಠಾಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಲಿಖಿತ ಅನುಮತಿ ಪಡೆಯತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಅನುಮತಿ ಪಡೆಯುವಾಗ ಸಭೆಯ ಉದ್ದೇಶ, ಸ್ಥಳ, ಸಮಯ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂದಾಜು ಜನಸಂಖ್ಯೆಯನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

೨. ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಭೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಯ ಅಥವಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಮಾನಹಾನಿಕರ ಭಾಷಣ ಮಾಡುವುದು, ಕೋಮು ಸೌಹಾರ್ದತೆಗೆ ಧಕ್ಕೆ ತರುವ ಹೇಳಿಕೆಗಳನ್ನು ನೀಡುವುದು ಅಥವಾ ಪ್ರಚೋದನಕಾರಿ ಘೋಷಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕೂಗುವುದು ನಿಷಿದ್ಧವಾಗಿದೆ.

೩. ಸಭೆಯ ಆಯೋಜಕರು ಸಭೆಯ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರ ಹೆಸರು ಮತ್ತು ವಿಳಾಸವನ್ನು ಅನುಮತಿ ಅರ್ಜಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಸಭೆಯ ಶಾಂತಿಯುತ ನಡವಳಿಕೆಗೆ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರರಾಗಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

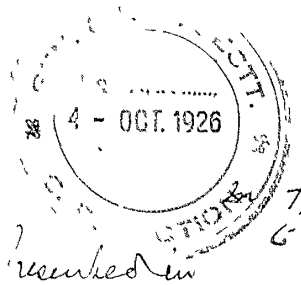
೪. ಸಭೆಯ ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲಿ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಅಥವಾ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ ಕೇಳಿದಾಗ ಆಯೋಜಕರು ಅಥವಾ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಸಭೆಯ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ಪಟ್ಟಿಯನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.

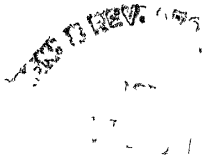
೫. ಸಭೆಯ ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಆಯುಧ, ಸ್ಫೋಟಕ ವಸ್ತು ಅಥವಾ ಅಪಾಯಕಾರಿ ವಸ್ತುಗಳನ್ನು ತರುವುದು ನಿಷಿದ್ಧವಾಗಿದೆ.

೬. ಸಭೆಯ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಧ್ವನಿವರ್ಧಕಗಳ ಬಳಕೆಯು ರಾತ್ರಿ ೧೦ ಗಂಟೆಯ ನಂತರ ಮುಂದುವರಿಯಬಾರದು. ಧ್ವನಿವರ್ಧಕಗಳ ಶಬ್ದವು ಸಮೀಪದ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ ಮತ್ತು ಶಾಲೆಗಳಿಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗದಂತೆ ಇರಬೇಕು.

೭. ಈ ಆದೇಶಗಳನ್ನು ಉಲ್ಲಂಘಿಸಿದವರ ವಿರುದ್ಧ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ ಪ್ರಕರಣ ೩೩ ರ ಅನ್ವಯ ಕ್ರಮ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಮೈಸೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಪೊಲೀಸ್ ಅಧೀಕ್ಷಕರ ಆದೇಶದಂತೆ





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The office of the Secretary (Mujerai Dept.) to the Government of Mysore at Bangalore

The Petitioner prays, he may be given a copy of the Order, to appoint the Legal Heirs for the hereditary office in the Temple at Melkote of Rama. raja Bhattia Ananta Kaya chariha - ppa Iyengar, dismissed in the Melkote Temple Theft case between 1895 - 1902.

Bangalore
Dated 4-10-1926

N. Kesava Iyengar, B.A., B.L.
Advocate
Basavangudy
Bangalore

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By order

Secretary

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D.O.

To
A Rangaswami Iyengar Esqre
Dy Commissioner.
Mysore.

Adverting to the theft committed in the Melkote Temple in August last, I request to be favoured with your own opinion as formed after your late personal inspection of the Temple and enquiry on the spot. Can it be the work of an outsider probably ~~facilitated~~ facilitated by the negligence of the Temple guard and other servants whose duty it was to watch the temple in the nights? or is it only the work of some of the Temple servants with the connivance of the others? In either case temple servants must be held responsible for the loss. How do you then propose recovering the value of the lost jewels from them? and in what proportion?

? Are not some of the Temple Servants who may be suspected to have had complicity in the matter liable to dismissal? Kindly let me have an early reply.

Have you succeeded in procuring the services of a competent man for Parpattegarship? I saw the Sheikdar recommended by Mr. Narain Row. He may do only for being in temporary charge of the work Post we require a man of some standing and position that can commound respect and be able to control the people there. A Govt pensioner with the necessary qualifications will do well for the place.

Sent through Kempa Peon 24/7/94

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French Rocks
1st August 1894

My dear Sir,

With reference to Mr. Srinivasachariar's D.O letter of the 24th July, copy of which has been sent to me for needful, I beg to say that in My opinion, the theft in the Melkote temple must have been committed by some of the Temple servants and not by outsiders.— All the temple servants must therefore be held answerable for the loss and proposals have been already been made for the recovery of the value of the lost jewels from all the Temple Servants in proportion to the salaries they draw. Vide this Office ~~Yearly~~ Docket No. 521 of the 1st November 1893.

2 I would recommend the dismissal of the following persons who are more or less implicated in the commission of the theft.

✓1. Archak Narasaraj Bhatta alias Thammaraj Bhatta

2 Archak Narasimharaj Bhatta and his son Lakshmikanta Bhatta.

3 Adhyapaka Kanchi Vardiengar and his son Krishniengar.

4. Sanik Embarmanar & his son Tirumengata char.

✓5. Sanik Tirumarniengar alias Chokkappa

✓6. Shanbogue Anantaraya alias Anantanarainah —

✓7 Kavalgar Narasimha.

8. Paricharak Dodda Ramaswamy.

9. Paricharak Chikka Ramaswamy.

Nos 1 & 2. These archaks were incharge of the jewels. The son of No 2 was according to his own confession a party to the theft.

Nos 3 & 4. The 2 sons of these men have given confessional statements and it is not likely that the fathers are unaware of the movements of the sons.

No 5. Has been suspended. He is said to be the principal man.

No 6. Is said to be deeply implicated in the conspiracy.

No 7. was the Kavalgar whose duty it was to sleep inside the temple on the night of the theft and who absented himself from duty. This man is mentioned in the confessional statement of one of the offenders.

Nos 8 & 9. Assisted the son of No 2.

3. All the sepoys of the Temple have been replaced by fresh men. A formal order of dismissal should be recorded and communicated to them.

4 The following officials should

at once be transferred from Nellore.

1. G. Narasa Rungaiah
2. " Kasturi Rangalier
3 Stanck Srinivasayer
4. Vattaddaka Kopi Ivunnarasimiengar

Sirkeed pendis further enquiry by

5. The Amildar of Srinivasapatam agrees with me in the above proposals.

6. I would earnestly request the favor of early orders on the above proposals. If action is delayed longer, it will be ineffectual in the result.

Yrs very Sincerely
M Narain Rao

A. Rangaswamiengar Esqre.
Dy Commr

Recommd. for the reward
SM
by
13/8/94

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1. Ly maasha Ranganna
2. " Kasturi Rangachar
3 Stanik Srinivasayer
4. Vattaddaka Kopi Srinivasayer

Sufficient for this purpose

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M Narain Rao

A. Rangaswamiengar Esqre.
Dy Comm^r

Received Cutt. for the remarks
S.M.
13/8/94

Camp Chanchamayo

Aug 5, 1894.

My dear Sir

Your D.O. of the 24 ultimo regarding the theft in the Mechanics Temple and I am directed to send herewith a copy of the U.S. Consul's report, which is submitted herewith.

I have been making enquiries about the theft ever since it occurred and have had opportunities of forming an opinion on the occurrence from the police reports &c. I also visited the temple and examined the ammunition and the doors &c, on the 3rd June. My conclusion is that all the circumstances of the theft having been committed by persons connected with the

temple or by others like them actuated
corporation. It is not possible to
be positive in these matters but
I am of opinion that the evidence
real and circumstantial collected
by the police supports my conclusion.
~~I have~~ I would have briefly upon three
reasons:—.

The thieves could get access to
the samadhi in two ways. 1st by
entering through the main door in which
case the collection of the keys found
in its possession.

2nd by entering from the door in the
terrace. This is locked always and
a man on the outside can work
put at the lock and there is
no evidence to show that the door
was forced.

On this theory was started that
thieves might have hid themselves
in the temple before the main
door was closed for the night —
This is not possible for strangers

in such a way.

II. The common Saunders entrance on the outside has two shutters & it was explained to me that the thieves had lifted the ~~front~~ whole on the hinge of the left hand shutter without removing the bar fastening the two shutters. This operation is rendering one noticing to be taught possible by an extension ladder is subject to the disadvantage of hitting against the ~~big~~ projecting portion of the ~~big~~ & the stand pedestal of the ~~big~~ & the stand on which ~~the~~ ~~big~~ rests containing the ~~big~~ = are kept. These had not it seems been disturbed.

The locks on the front door had been smashed & one could see the locks on the inner door also had been handled in the same way by a new hand.

The ladder supplied ~~stolen by~~ also stems, alleged

have been found near the
[illegible] of the temple and the
[illegible] are attributed by [illegible]
[illegible] it has not ~~been~~ been
possible to ascertain for
certain if the [illegible] of
[illegible] of the temple -

IV. No mention of the remains of
birds soaked in Tallow were found
in the temple - Nor is a question
better would people would have
with ~~it~~ such means of
exploding messages -

~~Superstition~~

~~It~~ Now that about
time that Khandonis might
have perpetrated the Job. Must
be borne in mind that none
of them had means of their access
to the temple and as it is situated
~~near~~ in the midst of a town
they could not have come
near it -

without having

in the neighbourhood which cannot be molested or separated from it. Moreover the plastic articles have been repeated & the other jewels on the deity have been taken with great care & dedication on arrangements with the handling of the ~~deity~~ deity

I am being informed that an Inspector of the madras Police had ~~heard~~ received police information that some of the Kharabar'gangs- which give instructions to Interpret the information I was of opinion that the ~~was~~ Administration in its for the reasons above

for rights lands ~~on condition of them~~
and ministered as the Such lands
if they had their quota of the
loss.

The value may be apportioned
among the taxable Lands of
who are not ~~from~~ removed from
the taxable service ~~under the~~
according to the Standard
under which the Legislature

I commend the subject
subject to the attention of Congress
Why for ~~the~~ consideration. The
Journalists may be his powers
but Statistics may throw on the
subject light. May that be
determined as the beginning of
a period. I do not know what
the object of the 4th Census Act
Tennessee 4th Mr Wright's

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Camp Chunchankatte

August 5th 1894

My dear Sir

Your D.O of the 24th ultimo regarding the theft in the Melkote Temple was duly received and I immediately sent copy of it to the Sub division Officer for his report which is submitted herewith.

I have been making minute enquiries about the theft ever since it occured and have had opportunities of forming an opinion on the occurrence from the Police reports &c. I also inspected the Temple and examined the Amman Sannidhi and the doors &c on the 7th June. My conclusion is that all the circumstances point to the theft having been committed by the people connected with the temple or by others with their active co-operation. It is not possible to be positive in these matters but I am of opinion that all evidence oral and circumstantial collected up to date support my

conclusion. I would here briefly refer to my reasons.—

I. The thieves could get access to the Sannidhi only in two ways—1st by entering through the main door in which case the collusion of the Sepoys on guard is indispensable 2nd by entering from the door to the terrace. This is locked always and a man on the outside cannot get at the lock and there is no evidence to shew that the door was ~~forced~~ forced.

Another theory was started that thieves might have hid themselves in the Temple before the main door was closed for the night. This is not possible for strangers and no one would risk detection in such a way.

II The Amman Sannidhi entrance on the inside has 2 shutters and it was explained to me that the thieves had lifted the whole on the hinge of the left hand shutter without removing the bar fastening the 2 shutters. This operation is not only one not likely

sitting against the pedestal of the deity and the stand on which the vessels containing holy water are kept. These had not it seems been disturbed.

The locks on the front door had been smashed and one would expect the lock on the inner door also to be handled in the same way by a new person.

III. The ladder prepared with aloe stems alleged to have been found near the outer wall of the Temple could not have been contrived by outside thieves and was not found to serve satisfactorily for getting up or down the terrace of the Temple.

IV It was reported that remains of wicks soaked in tallow were found in the Temple. It is a question whether local people would have thought such means of lighting necessary.

It was thought at one time that Khandavis might have perpetrated the job. It must be borne

borne in mind that none of them had means of open access to the temple, and as it is situated in the midst of a town, they could not have come near it without having been seen somewhere or other in the neighbourhood while coming to Melkote or escaping from it Moreover the plated articles have been rejected and the other jewels on the deity have been taken with great care indicating an acquaintance with the handling of the deity

I was lately informed that an Inspector of the Madras Police had received Police information that it was the act of a Kandhari gang — while giving instructions for verifying the information, I was of opinion that there could not be any truth in it for the reasons given above.

Considering the friction between the Dharmadarsees and the Temple servants previous to this theft and the other circumstances detailed above, it maybe safely concluded that a pretty large party is concerned in this theft. The servants in the Temple.

in giving
on this subject.

The theft is generally believed to be the handiwork of the persons mentioned in the Sub Division Officer's letter under the direction of Ananthakow and Narasaraj Bhat who are reported to be thick friends capable of any roguery. Chokappa is also said to be a great friend of theirs. These and No. 7 may be dismissed unconditionally. The others* also may be dismissed or suspended for different periods and reinstated after such periods if they paid their quota of the loss.

*i.e 2,3,4,8 and 9

The Value may be apportioned among the temple servants who are not removed from the Temple service according to the standing order on the subject.

I commend the Sub Division Officer's suggestion for the transfer of certain Officials for consideration. The Gumasthas may be transferred, but Stanikks may object to be so dealt with. They should be dismissed or suspended for a period.

I do not know what the appointment of the 4th man Kope Srinivaranimalgar is, or why his transfer is considered necessary.

or justifiable

Early orders may be passed to make their effect felt.

I am yours sincerely
(Sd) A Rangasami Iyengar

To
Rao Bahadur
A Sreenivasachariu Esq
Muzrai Secretary

Copy

Murrai.

Read :—

Correspondence ending with D.O. dated 5th August 1894 from Mr. A. Rangaswami Iyengar Deputy Commissioner of the Mysore District regarding the theft of jewels that occurred in the Melkote Temple on the night of the 16th August 1893.

Order thereon No. 177-8 Mur 4 11-93

Dated Bangalore 20th August 1894.

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On the night of the 16th August 1893, jewels to the estimated Value of Rs 4006-14-2 were stolen from the Ammanavara Sannidhi of the Sri Narayanswami Temple in Melkote. The actual perpetrators of the theft have not been traced. But the Deputy Commissioner reports that the careful local inquiries instituted by him, personal inspection of the temple, and the evidence — oral and circumstantial — collected on the spot, all point to the theft having been committed by the Temple servants or by others with

operation, and he therefore

recommends

recommends the dismissal of a few servants, suspension of others who, it is believed, have been either directly or indirectly concerned in the theft, and also proposes to apportion the value of the property stolen among the temple servants in accordance with the standing rule on the subject.

2. On a full consideration of the circumstances of the case, the Government agree in the views expressed by the Deputy Commissioner and approve of the measures recommended by him. The Government accordingly direct that all the Sepoys who were in the Temple Service at the time of the theft and the following servants of the Temple be dismissed forthwith:—

1. Archak Narasaraja Bhatta
alias Thamboraja Bhatta.

Archak Narasimharaja Bhatta
and his son Lakshmikantha Bhatta.

Adhyapaka Kanchi Varadiengar
and his son Krishnaiengar

ar.

5. Stanik Tirumarniengar alias Chokappa
6. Shanbhogue Ananthaiya alias Ananthanaraniah
7. Kavalgar Narasimha
8. Paricharak Dodda Ramaswami
9. Paricharak Chicka Ramaswami.

The undermentioned servants of the Temple will be suspended pending further enquiry:—

1. Gumastha Ranganah
2. " Kasthuri Rangachar
3. Stanik Singriengar
4. Vattadyaka Kope Tirumaraniengar.

4. The Government further direct that the value of the properties stolen be recovered ~~rateably~~ rateably from all the servants of the Temple ~~The persons dismissed will not be liable to be called upon to contribute their share of the loss~~ Exclusive of those herein ~~ordered~~ ordered to be dismissed

Secretary.

Commissioner
Mysore District.
to the Govt. of Mysore.

Draft

To the Lawers 46/11-93 & 13.7.95.

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MUZARAI.

From

To The Comptroller
D. C. Mysore

Dated 20th August 1894

Despatched

Received

Enclosures No

General No. 177-8
Muzarai F. No. 11-93

Dismissing and suspending certain servants of the temple concerned in the theft in the Narayanaswami temple at Melkote

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From The Amildar

To Secretary to the Dewan
Inungroi Department

Dated 12th September

Despatched 15

Received 15-9-94

Enclosures No.

General No. 2600.
No.

With reference to
Pro no 177-8 of the
11-93
20 august 94 directing
that all the Sepoys
who were in the temple
service at the time of
the theft of the Jewels
that occurred in the
Melkota temple on
the night of the 4th
august 93 should
be dismissed, has
the honor request
that he will be pleased
as

Reply that the
matter is referred
to
AS
15/9/94

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MUZARAL

From

To The Comptroller to the Govt of Mysore

Dated 18 September 94

Despatched &c

Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 311
Muzarai F. No. 11-93

His No. 1600 of the 14th Inst requesting to be informed whether all the servants of the Melkote temple ordered to be dismissed in Govt Pro: No. 177-8 Muz: F. 11-93 dated 20th August 94 are temple servants and paid from Muzrai funds.

In reply has the honor to state that they are all temple servants paid from

from the funds thereof.

By order

[signature]

Secretary.

C. V.

Petition No. 1722 dated 25th. June 1895 from one Danganna, Gumastha of the Melkote Temple.

The petitioner is one of the 4 temple servants who, by Government Order, No. 177-8 mwz: F11-93 dated 20th. August 1894, were placed under suspension, pending further enquiry in connection with the theft committed in the temple in August 1893.

The petitioner states that he has paid his share of the value of the property lost which was ordered to be recovered from the servants then employed in the temple, that he has been out of

employ for the past 9 months and suffers great hardship owing to the loss of pay for the period and prays that he may be restored to his office in consideration of the long service rendered by him in the Institution for nearly 22 years. The Amildar of Sreerangapatam Taluk has also submitted a report acknowledging receipt of the amount due from the petitioner.

As further enquiries about the theft has led to no clue as to its real perpetrators, I would recommend that the

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complied with.

As regards the other 3 servants who have been similarly suspended, I would state that they may be likewise restored to their offices on receipt of reports as to their having paid their share of the loss sustained by the temple

Approved by.

8-7-95

read again

Cert Pro. No. 177-8
Mur. J. 11-93.

of 20th August 1894.

Read also

Petition No. 1722.
of 26th June 1895 from
one Rungamma
alias Sivarayalu
Rungamma pujari of
of the Melkote Temple.
(under suspension):-
praying for restoration
to his office in the
temple.

Orders thereon:—

No: 46
Mur J 11-93

The pet. Rangamma
is one of the temple
servants who, by the post
orders No 177-8 of 20th
Mur. 7/11-93.
Aug 1894, was ad-

directed to be
were placed under suspension
pending further enquiry
into the theft committed
in the Mekkeh Temple.
on the night of the
16th Aug 1893.

2. The petr states
that he has paid
up his share of the value of
property lost which
was ordered to be
recovered from the
Servants employed
in the temple, that
he has been out
of employ for the
last 9 months and
suffers great hardship
owing to the loss of
pay for the period,
And prays that he

office in Conderachie
of the long Service
rendered & here in
the Dept. for nearly
22 years. ~~The Auditor~~
~~of Srirangapatam in~~
~~his report to the Hon'ble~~
~~Supt. has duly~~ ~~24 Junes~~
~~acknowledges also~~
~~reports the receipt~~
of the amount
apportioned to be recovered
from ~~the Petr.~~ him

3. ~~As~~ further
enquiries about the
theft have led to
no clue as to its
real perpetrators,
~~the Govt.~~ Govt. ~~4~~

The Petr. has also produced the Srirangapatam Rimlders receipt ~~Certificate~~ for the ~~receipt~~ payment

following Circs the
Ct are pleased
to ~~Comply with~~ Grant
the Petr. Rangamma's
prayer and direct
that the he may
be ~~assist~~ restored
to his office in the
temple forthwith.

Sd/
Secy

To
The Dist. Collector
Ct. Ct. Dist. Rangamma

Vc
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Muz.

Read:—

Govt Pro: No. 177-8
Muz. 7.11-93
dated 20th August '94,
directing that the value
of the properties lost in
the Sri Narayanaswami
temple at Melkote on
the night of the 16th Aug
'93, be recovered ratably
from all the servants
of the temple exclusive
of those therein ordered
to be dismissed.

Rubkari dated
12th Aug: '95, from the

the Subdivision officer,
French Rocks, reporting
that the servants concerned
refuse to make good the
value of the property
lost, as ordered in the
above Govt Proceedings
and proposing, therefore,
that their rights to the
offices held by them
in the temple establishment
may be sold in satisfaction
~~portions~~ of the dues
recoverable from them.

Order thereon

The Government
consider it undesirable to

No 610 dated
Muz 7-11-93
Bangalore, 27th Nov: 95.
Enc: 1. file V. P. except the
Rukkari dated 12-8-95 which
is retained in this office

ולא יכול. מחמת מלאכים.
שלא ממנים לו
מלאכים אם לא שמלאכים
ה מחמת שכך של הגוף
שלא מרגיש על הקלקול
שלו ומרגיש שלקלקולו
לא יכול, אחר כך הקלקול
שלו הופך לטוב ולא
יכול, אחר כך הטוב הופך
לרע ולא יכול
שמחמת הגוף הוא
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will now submit to Govt
a detailed statement of
the defaulters who may
render themselves liable
to dismissal under the
above orders together with
the names of those who
may be proposed to be
appointed in their
stead.

Fair draft

Secretary.

To,

The Deputy Commissioner

Mysore District

returning the Rev: papers.